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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT
AN AMENDMENT TO A NOTICE OF AWARD FROM THE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 8, 2009, to accept and execute future amendments to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Notice of Award 1H75TP000350-01, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and notification of the Board offices.

Using this authority, I will accept Amendment No. 6 to the CDC's NA 1H75TP000350-01. This amendment authorizes the redirection of funds for H1N1 mass vaccination implementation (Focus Area 3); specifically the movement of \$372,900 from the contractual budget category will support DPH's African American Outreach Initiative and the Department of Parks and Recreation's participation in H1N1 mass vaccination events, staff travel, and vaccination supplies.

On December 31, 2009, the Department of Public Health (DPH) submitted to the Board a plan to enhance outreach and improve vaccination rates among the African American communities in Los Angeles County. The plan outlined several partner agencies with whom DPH would contract to assist DPH by serving as a trusted source of information to the target population. In addition, the plan included two main strategies: 1) community level engagement to enhance vaccination through community based organizations with track records of working with African American populations on health issues, particularly immunization issues; and 2) maximization of H1N1 vaccination opportunities through the provision of vaccine at several provider agencies such as clinics and mobile units serving African Americans.

This action does not affect the current total grant award of \$39,984,244. County Counsel and the CEO have approved the NA 1H75TP000350-01 Amendment 6 as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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